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Section 5 clarifying that the activities there are "nonextracurricular" activities so that there is a distinction between Section 5 and subsection (1) up above in Section 3. And the reason that that's important is because the low-income waivers apply to certain parts of the bill but not to others, and I wanted to be sure that the low-income kids were protected as much as it is reasonable to do so in the context of this bill, so that's the minor amendment and I think Senator Raikes is agreeable to that amendment. I'd yield you the rest of my time, Senator Raikes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Mr. President, members, I do appreciate Senator Beutler bringing these changes to attention. I think both of them help clarify the intent of the bill and so I support his amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: On with discussion, Senator Suttle.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I rise to support both amendments. I think that this was what Senator Kristensen had in mind when he offered his amendment on General File. It seems to me that the Education Committee had come up with a generalized treatment of school fees and the school districts wanted a specific list, and I know that the Commissioner of Education wanted a specific list, and I think this gives them a good parameter under which to work while giving them the authority to decide on exact fees on the district level and local level so that they can decide what they will and will not charge fees for. So I did want to stand up. I know that OPS is going to have some problems because of the large number of free and reduced lunch students that they have, but this will give them some parameters under which to work. And I think that this is a fairly good compromise and would urge you to support this. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Suttle. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Was this the close, Senator Cudaback?